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(C) Post delivered demarche (ref) urging Japan to ban imports of third country products that contain Burmese-origin gems or hardwood. Ministry of Foreign Affairs Asian and Oceanian Affairs Bureau Principal Deputy Director Atsushi Kuwabara had no immediate reply but stated the GOJ fully agrees with the United States on the need for progress in Burma. DONOVAN